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BIRTHS.

On the 11th March, at Smith Villas West, Magazine Gap, the wife of P. E. HEERMANN, of a son.

On the 13th February, at Taiyuanfu, Shansi, the wife of Prof. E. R. LYMAN, of a son.

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CANONISATION after death has in all ages of the world been a favourite method of showing respect to departed worthies. The method adopted of publishing the fact has varied according to time and circumstances, but the right of canonisation has generally been reserved for rulers, sometimes lay, sometimes ecclesiastical. In modern times, in the East and West respectively, two potentates, one lay, the other spiritual—the Emperor of China and the Pope—claim the right of canonisation, and with both it has become a solemn and important rite. The distinctions between the two rites are the differences which hold apart the mental development of Asia and Europe. In the West the spectacle is witnessed in the case of JOAN of Arc of the steps held necessary before the final declaration of sanctity. JOAN has passed what is officially recognised as the second stage in the process; and having successfully proved herself during life to have been especially distinguished by the possession of the saintly virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, has been adjudged the preliminary title of "Venerable." For full canonisation proof of the working of miracles is required, and here it is that difficulties intervene. It might fairly be urged that the relief of Orleans, brought about in accordance with JOAN's own prophecy, and certainly contrary to all human experience, was a sufficient indication of the approval of

Heaven; but modern Frenchmen are sceptical, and herein lies the difficulty of the case; for whereas all Frenchmen are willing to look upon the heroic girl as the saviour politically of the kingdom, not even the most religious are prepared to regard her as in any special manner the regenerator of the Church, whose position was indeed in no respect called in question whichever political party gained the victory. In any case the position of JOAN herself seems with one or other to be little taken into account. It is quite true that without the declaration of canonisation JOAN of Arc, though of course she may receive the prayers of private individuals, will not be entitled to the adoration of the faithful at large, nor may altars be erected or public prayers offered for her intercession. But the conscience of the West seems never to have looked upon these post-mortem honours in what may be described as a sordid spirit. Canonisation is, and has always been, effected not for the honour of the departed, but for the benefit of the living. We have, in fact, never heard the most ardent ecclesiologist plead for the benefits to the saint himself conferred by the ceremony. The dictum of the Church does not alter in the other world the position of the faithful departed, but it affords the pious below one more opportunity of approaching the Throne of Grace. The saint and the sinner must each be responsible for working out his own salvation. It is true, as the Apostle himself tells us, that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much, but no amount of intercession will be able to alter the decrees of the Almighty, nor obtain salvation for the unrepentant sinner.

If, after this picture we look to the Far East, how different the vision that meets our eyes, and how gross and palpable the objects of canonisation! The life to come in the Confucian philosophy is but the continuation of that of the present. Death is but a bridge over the narrowest of streams, and on the other side bloom the meadows of immortality, fragrant with the spiritual essence of those same delights which make enjoyable the present existence. Posthumous rewards lose none of their eventual sweetness that they are deferred, and the pleasure of occupying a stand in the Valhalla of worthies is as practical and legitimate an aspiration of the subject's ambition as the attainment during life of the highest honours of the State. The happiness of the departed in the Confucian cult by no means depends on the good actions of the deceased during life, but is entirely influenced by the conduct of those whom he has left behind. No state is so miserable as that of the unfortunate shade who dies without a son to continue the sacrifices, or fails to provide by adoption a substitute. In such a case his spirit has to wander aimlessly through the regions of the departed, dependent on the scant charity which the benevolent may supply at the annual festivals of the beggar spirits. There is here no hint even of what we are in Europe accustomed to call religion, for the future wants of the *Manes* have to be met, not by the powers above, but by the offerings of the benevolent on earth. Kings and emperors pass away; for a time their *Manes* meet with loving care from their descendants. The great and powerful cross the bridge which all mortals must traverse without hope of return. As long as their memory is green the offerings smoke at their tombs; but the time will assuredly come when this loving cult will cease, and rich and poor alike descend to the dead level of the wanderer in the realms of the hereafter. But the sage who has from his countrymen, as represented by the Emperor, been canonised feels none of these miseries. For him at the appointed times rich offerings are made, and smoke ascends from thousands of altars. He alone is king and emperor, and when all others are forgotten he still, in the shady realms of the dead, enjoys a greatness and an immortality denied to all.

Such is the practical and material view which canonisation presents to the Chinaman. The benefits which the most holy of sages can confer on the present generation are passed by as of no account by a people with whom the experience of the past disfavours the belief in the supernatural, or at least in its benevolent influence on the present. But, curiously, the reverse is not held to be the case. The departed can and does inflict injuries, and to avert these is the aim of every Chinaman. It is scarcely from an undiluted feeling of benevolence that offerings are made to the departed, and hence the importance attached to the rite of imperial canonisation, and the enforced offerings to their *Manes*.

Two plague cases were reported during the day ended at noon yesterday, both being dead bodies "dumped."

Mr. Henry O'Shea's connection with the *Shanghai Times* ceased on the 5th inst., that journal announces.

A telegram dated Peking, March 4, says:—Senator Branca, the Portuguese Minister [Extraordinary] to Peking, has concluded the agreement regarding the railway between Macao and Canton.

A telegram from The Hague states that the Russo-Japanese war will not delay the arbitration between Japan and the European Powers on the question of taxation, which will come before The Hague Tribunal in May.

The latest mail papers state that Sir Matthew Nathan was to leave the Gold Coast for England the following week. His stay at home is to be very short, and he will then start for Hongkong to take up the Governorship of this Colony.

The U.S. gunboat *Winnington* has left Shanghai for Hankow carrying a guard of fifty marines to be landed there. The U.S.S. *Cincinnati* has gone to Chefoo, where she now lies at anchor, having relieved the U.S.S. *New Orleans*.

The *N.C. Daily News* Tokyo correspondent says that at the Japanese General Election, the so-called Neutral Party has made a considerable increase, at the expense of the *Seiyukai*. The Government has remained indifferent, but the result is decidedly favourable.

When Chief Justice Sir William Goodein goes home on leave this month his place will be taken by the Hon. Attorney-General, Sir Henry Berkeley, whose duties will in turn be assumed by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law.

It is believed that a Scottish descent can be claimed for Rear-Admiral Stark, who commands the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Many officers in the Russian service trace their descent from Scotsmen who arrived in Russia during the time of Peter the Great and the Empress Catherine.

H.M. the King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Captain Lionel Aubrey Walter Barnes Lawrence, R.N., to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong for so long as he shall hold the office of Harbour Master of this colony.

The report of the Tientsin Land Investment Co., Ltd., for 1903, shows a net profit for the year of Tls. 49,029. Out of this an interim dividend of 4 per cent. has been paid, and it has been decided to pay a final dividend of 5 per cent., place Tls. 3,000 to reserve, and carry forward the balance, Tls. 325.

The Japanese Acting Consul at Manila reports to the Tokyo Government that the Administrative Council there has passed a resolution in favour of lowering the rate of Customs duty on imported matches to just half the scale now in force. It is said that the Japanese authorities had, at the instance of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce, approached the U.S. Government in November last with a view to the tariff rate on Japanese matches being decreased.

A report reached London from Paris last month that the agreement now reached between France and Siam does not differ very greatly from the agreement of October, 1902, the ratification of which was prevented by the French Colonial party. The Bangkok Government, it is believed, has now given way on some minor points, particularly concerning the appointment of more Frenchmen in the Siamese service. The recession of Chantaboon to its lawful owner remains, and to Siam this, and the question of railway communication in the Mekong Valley, are the chief points.

With reference to the serious riot at Chingcheow, which we reported last Saturday, it is reported in Shanghai mandarin circles according to the *N.C. Daily News* that not only was the sub-prefect's yamen looted by the exasperated farmers of Chingcheow, but the place was also set on fire by them and gutted. Further, after working their will with all things official within the vicinity, the mob left the city—the gates of which were at once closed by the frightened mandarins—and marching in a northerly direction proceeded to cut down the telegraph lines and tear up the poles. After doing this extra damage the mob then dispersed vowing to make matters still worse for the mandarins if any further attempt were made to collect the exorbitant so-called war indemnity taxes from them. The telegraph officials at Chingcheow showed commendable alacrity in restoring the telegraph lines torn down by the mob and communication with Peking was speedily restored.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alios Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:—

Arnold, Karberg & Co.	850
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P. W. Craddock	5
W. J. Wright	5

On the 4th inst. Prince Pu Lau left Peking on his way to Shanghai and S. Louis.

The "Japan Sympathetic Fund" reached \$1,153 last Saturday. This fund, promoted by the *N.C. Daily News*, is now closed, a Neutral Relief Fund Committee having been formed in Shanghai. The other fund's proceeds have been sent to the Japanese Consul.

Notwithstanding the many complaints brought to the notice of the police concerning pavement nuisances in Hongkong, the evil still continues, to all appearance unabated. Yesterday, about midday, a correspondent says he observed several instances of pedestrians, some of them ladies, being jostled by coolies carrying loads along the footpaths, where they had no right to be.

In a Japanese picture-shop in D'Aguiar Street there is at present to be seen displayed a weird and picturesque view of the sinking of a Russian warship at Chemulpo. It attracts crowds of Chinese. A huge Russian vessel is depicted going down stern first with her bow in the air, while the miniature Japanese torpedo-boat which has done all the damage glides smoothly away unharmed.

Manila journalism is daily giving evidence of its enterprise. We have noted a few examples lately. Now the *Cablenews* has managed to get still further than usual ahead of the times (*Manila Times*), as is witnessed by the following telegram appearing in it:—Peking, April [sic] 4.—Taking advantage of the unsettled state of the country and the reported death of the Empress Dowager, a movement looking towards a change of dynasty is now afoot in this city. Revolutionary placards have been posted up and there are various indications pointing to an outbreak. These have been sufficiently serious to alarm the authorities, and repressive measures have been ordered.

We are requested by Mr. G. Friesland, honorary secretary of the Club Germania, Hongkong, to state that the members of the said club have started a fund for the wounded of both countries in the war between Russia and Japan, to be divided into equal parts. This fund is in connection with the one inaugurated by *Der Ostasiatische Lloyd*, Shanghai. The subscriptions collected so far are as follow:—

Armin Haupt	100
N. A. Siebs	100
Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Hong-	100
kong Office	100
E. Goetz	100
J. G. Schroeter	100
Hans Schubart	100
H. Jensen	100
G. Haefting	100
Norddeutscher Lloyd, Inspection	100
Hongkong	100
Wm. Meyerink & Co.	75
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F. Schwarzkopf	50
Jul. Focke	50
R. Marten	25
Geo. P. Lammer	25
J. Gossman	25
H. Elmer	25

The London correspondent of the *Birmingham Daily Post*, writing just before the war, stated he had high authority for stating that M. Delcassé, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, had within the past few days forwarded to Count Lamsdorf, the Russian Imperial Chancellor, a long note reviewing with particular references to the situation in the Far East, Franco-Russian relations since 1900. Special stress, the correspondent believed, was laid upon the fact that, after the publication of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement in January, 1902, the French and Russian Governments joined in approving the general terms of that instrument, as far as they referred to the status quo in China and Corea, and that, as in the interval the situation in the Far East had materially altered, it was necessary for France to consider what further steps she might have to take in the event of hostilities breaking out between Russia and Japan. France could not commit herself to any measures which, though possibly advancing Russian interests, might be found to be hazardous—or, at the best, unduly adventurous—from the French point of view. "This," the correspondent adds, "is a very important development of the diplomatic situation, and it may be considered certain to be taken into account at S. Petersburg during what is proving the delicate and difficult task of drawing up the latest reply to Japan." Yet war has come.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night:—

March	"Piedrore"	Sousa
Overture	"La Reine d'un Jour"	Adam
Selection	"The Girl from Koye"	Ivan Caryll
Song	"Sunshine and Rain"	Blumenthal
Selection	"Reminiscences of Scotland"	Godfrey
Waltz	"Auf Schwingen der Liebe"	Bohm
Dance	"The Sun Feast"	Waller
	"God Save the King"	

Menu	Hors D'Œuvres
Macassar Fish and Olive Croquettes	
Soup	Potage Velours
Entrée	Fried Sole à l'Orly
Chicken à la Frimantiero	
Filet of Beef à la Nelson	
Egg Croquettes Sauce Piquante	
Roast Bile of Beef and Horseradish	
Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce	
Boiled Shoulder of Mutton and Turnips	
Cold	Galantine of Veal
Tomato Salad	
Pudding à la Reine	
Nesselrode Ice Cream	
Apricot Tart	
Tipsey Cake	

There are certain prizes in the gift of the *Journal of Tropical Medicine* for essays on subjects connected with tropical diseases. We see that the Belilos Prize of £10, presented by Mr. E. R. Belilos, C.M.G. (who is still mis-called "the Hon." E. R. Belilos in the home papers), for the best article on "The System of Drainage and Sewerage (Domestic and Municipal) Best Suited for Tropical Climates," has been awarded to Captain J. W. Cornwall, I.M.S., and Major F. Smith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., who divide the prize between them, the papers being adjudged of equal merit.

Discussing recently with an interviewer the question of settling Jews in Eastern Siberia, M. de Plehve said that a project of Jewish colonisation in Manchuria had been spoken of, and he intended discussing it with Admiral Alexieff during his coming visit to S. Petersburg—which has not come yet! M. de Plehve also promised to consult the Admiral with regard to a scheme for the establishment of Jewish colonies in Southern Siberia, with a view to creating a barrier, composed, if not of Russians, at any rate of Russian subjects, against the growing invasion of the country by the Chinese.

Mr. Lucien Wolf, the well-known Anglo-Jewish writer on foreign politics, had an interesting interview not long ago with M. de Plehve, the Minister who has so much influence with the Tsar. He describes him thus:—The impression he made upon me was, I am bound to say, exceedingly favourable. He has nothing of the typical Russian politician about him. In appearance he is almost English. Tall and massive, with short-cropped iron-gray whiskers and moustache, he looks something like Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman writ large. He speaks slowly and deliberately, without a touch of the cynicism usually affected by the polished Russian. Though a somewhat impassive listener, he readily responds to any touch of humour and laughs heartily. Homely and paternal, his bearing is marked by an old-world courtesy, neither conventional nor artificially effusive. He is a strong man, and I should imagine an honest one, conscientious and inflexible as an administrator, but with little taste for experimental or constructive statesmanship. If all we hear about the character of the Tsar is true, I can well understand the influence M. de Plehve exercises over him.

The first of two extra performances by the Hongkong A.D.C. of *His Excellency* took place last night.

A few alterations were made, the principal one among the characters being that Mr. C. E. Hance took the part formerly filled by Lient. Butt. A couple of dances were introduced in the Second Act, with great effect, that between Nanna and the Governor being an instantaneous success. All round the extra rehearsals had given a greater dash to the representation, which is now a real triumph for our amateur actors.

One of the chief hits of the evening was when in his song in the second Act, Lient. Davidson introduced the following amusing topical verse, which was received with loud applause:—

There is a serious question which is vexing my community,
And taxes to the bursting-point my over-burdened mind.
The management of servants lends a splendid opportunity,
To Governors and others of the Legislative kind.
When, as the Governor's deputy, I heard, with utmost zeal and zest,
Their schemes for registration, and agreed with all they said;
But now I am the Governor, I show a lack of interest.
By giving all their well-laid plans a knock upon the head.
At the things the ladies said,
I had truly got no option but to knock it on the head.
The last performance will be given to-night.

On Thursday night a very enjoyable dance was given at the City Hall by the pupils of Mrs. Donaldson, who has conducted successful dancing classes in Hongkong during the past winter season. About 100 couples were present. Music was supplied by the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry, and dancing was kept up with great spirit till half-past one o'clock yesterday morning. In the course of the evening Piper J. Z. Sinclair played the Eightome Beej ("The Devil among the Tailors"), and in an interval later on the Highland Fling ("Miss Drummond of Perth"), to which Mr. J. C. Ritchie danced a *pas de deux*, vociferous applause rewarded his effort. Of the Dance Committee Mr. N. Mumford was Hon. President, Mr. W. F. Donaldson Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. P. Goodwin Hon. Treasurer; the other members being Messrs. A. G. Mackie, F. MacRobie, S. D. Selma, C. B. Dwyer, A. McKirdy, A. W. Hill, and M. Simmons. The programme was as follows:—

Lancers	Highland Schottische
Waltz	Lancers
Calcedonians	Waltz
Waltz	Barn Dance
Polka	Calcedonians
Waltz	Mazurka
Eightome Reel	Waltz
Barn Dance	Sir Roger de Coverley
Circassian Circle	

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 11th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen in North China and fallen in Southern Japan, the changes elsewhere are slight.

A depression passed yesterday across the north part of the Gulf of Pechili moving easterly and is now over North Corea.

Gradients are moderate on the China coast, but becoming steeper.

Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail in the Formosa channel and light N.E. winds in the North part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light E. winds, overcast, dull.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

MYSTERIOUS WARSHIPS OFF PULO WAY.

Singapore, 11th Mar., 2 p.m.

Incoming vessels report sighting four warships off Pulo Way using their search-lights.

[Pulo Way is the Dutch coaling-station off the North-western Sumatran coast. It is of course not unlikely that these warships may be Dutch, as Holland has concentrated her East Indian fleet since the war broke out.—Ed. D.P.]

REUTERS' SERVICE.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 9th March.

Admiral Alexieff, in a detailed account of the bombardment of Vladivostock, confirms that 200 shells were fired, but says nothing about their failure to explode. The Japanese squadron steamed up and down three times without doing any damage to the fortress and other parts of the fortifications was insignificant. The operations for putting the batteries in readiness for action were carried out in perfect order. On Monday the squadron skirted the shore without firing, and disappeared in a southerly direction.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

LONDON, 9th March.

At a dinner of the Wisconsin Society, New York, a reference by General Wheeler to the Japanese naval success, as truly indicating Japanese greatness, was received with applause. Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Consul-General, declared that Japan was struggling for national existence and only asked for fair play and straight dealing. At the conclusion of the speech, the company rose up and cheered for some minutes. Mr. Pratt, the Assistant Attorney-General, said he hoped, as a private citizen, that Japan would continue as she had begun. Members of Congress who were present and others all spoke in favour of Japan.

PORT ARTHUR AND TALLENWAN.

LONDON, 9th March.

News from Tokyo yesterday evening say that Japanese warships bombarded the forts at Tallywan and then attacked Port Arthur. Benter's correspondent at Tokyo reports that eight out of the thirteen Russian warships at Port Arthur are disabled, and one fort has been destroyed by the Japanese shells. The Russian combatants number 2,000 [?].

AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Shortly after noon on the 17th inst. a partial eclipse of the sun will be seen at Hongkong, some two-thirds of the orb or so being obscured.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. V. UNITED SERVICES.

The following will play for the H.K.C.C. against the United Services, commencing 11.30 to-day:—

C. R. S. Cooper, J. T. Dixon, Walter Dixon, H. Hancock, R. Hancock, A. Mackenzie, Maitland, R. A. B. Pousonby, N. H. Rathford, T. Scrimshaw Smith, and A. G. Ward.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

The following team will represent the C. Service C.C. in their League fixture with R.A.M.C. on the Civil Service ground at 2 p.m. sharp to-day:—

G. A. Woodcock, R. Witterell, J. Dwyer, H. Gidley, L. E. Brett, F. Robins, W. Woolley, W. Pitt, W. E. Andrews, S. Gidley, and D. J. Mackenzie.

The R.E. and the Craigengower C.C. will play on the ground of the latter club 2 p.m. Craigengower team:—A. O. Brown, Bass, L. E. Lammer, E. R. Herton, J. Kinnaird, J. Craik, L. A. Rose, J. L. St. E. Houghton, F. Rapp, and E. Ford.

FOOTBALL.

CHALLENGE SHEILD.

The semi-final between H.M.S. *Orestes* and H.M.S. *Leviathan* will be re-played to-day on the Club ground. Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, Hongkong Football Club will play H. *Albion* under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.

The following will play for the Club:—

H. Arthur, full back; W. B. Robert, T. E. Pearce, Lient. Camaron, and I. Black, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and E. de Vaulle, halves; H. C. Sandford (capt.), W. Golding, E. D. C. Wolfe, A. Boyd, I. Storer, H. E. Bowley, Lient. Duncan, F. Chard, forwards.

SPORTING NOTES.

The season of sport is dying slowly, but the end is not far off. The last cricket matches will soon be played. To-day the match on the Cricket Ground will be. Club v. United Service, the home side having got together a fair but decidedly experimental eleven. In the League the Civil Service C. C. should put themselves still further ahead of their nearest competitors when they meet the R.A.M.C., to-day, and should thus draw closer to the A.O.C.—though they cannot, of course, dispute the championship with the last-named, who have completed their season. The Craigiegowrie should beat the R.E. The following is the League Table up to date:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
A.O.C.	14	13	1	0	39
Civil Service	13	10	2	1	31
Craigiegowrie	13	7	4	2	23
H.K.C.C. "A"	7	6	0	1	21
R.E.	12	6	6	0	18
R.A.M.C.	11	2	8	1	7
Parsees	12	2	10	0	6
H.M.S. Tamar	14	2	12	0	6

Two good football matches are to be played to-day. In the first place, there is the replayed tie between the *Cressy* and the *Leviathan* in the semi-final round of the Shield. As the *Leviathan* managed to draw on Wednesday with only ten men for the greater part of the game, they will be fancied to-day. Their play in the second half of the drawn game was admirable, and if they can keep up this form, should win the Cup. The game is advertised to take place on the Club ground at 2.45 p.m. After this, on the same ground, a Rugby game will come off between the H.K.R.F.C. and H.M.S. *Albatross*. The Club has a good team, and they will want it. Football enthusiasts have no cause for complaint about to-day's matches.

The bowling match down for decision on Monday at the Hongkong Club looks as if it should be interesting. Time was when the Navy played the full strength of the Club, but there do not seem so many good bowlers in the China Squadron just now. Nevertheless, there are some very strong players, to judge by recent form on the alleys. The Club team is of fair strength and should hold its own.

The verdict on Tuesday night's boxing was practically unanimous, public and Press alike condemning the disgraceful scenes in the St. Clair-Morgan contest. But with regard to this I should like to point out that the public is partly to blame. The audience was very excitable—particularly the naval part of it—and allegations of "foul" in the first round before any trouble had arisen were calculated to spoil the fight at the very start. The police are much to be commended on the way in which they handled the crowd on the stage in the sixth round. I hear that it is likely that more supervision will be exercised in future before, and not after, such matches.

Owing to some of the members being unwell, and other causes, the Boat Club's regatta has been indefinitely postponed. This is very much to be regretted.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club compete for the R.E. Cup on Sunday. The Club has been mentioned in these columns. The Championship Class re-sail the eighth Club Race to-day.

The V.R.C. are training for their sports, which come off on the 4th prox. A "smoker" will be given on the 23rd prox.; a four-oared scratch race also being held on that day. It is expected that gymnasium classes, under an instructor, will commence shortly.

On the 6th ult. the English Football Cup Ties (first round proper) were played off. Woolwich Arsenal, Southampton, and Tottenham Hotspur amongst the Southern clubs won their matches. Millwall, Bristol City, and Portsmouth being defeated, and Reading and Plymouth making a draw. The winning clubs in the North were Blackburn, Bury, Manchester City, Middlesbrough, Preston, Aston Villa, and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Nottingham drew with Manchester United, and the match at West Bromwich could not be played.

The test matches are over, and Australia by her victory at Melbourne reduced England's lead in the series just concluded to one game—3 to 2. In the final game Warner's team, short of Hayward and with the worst of the wicket, made a poor show, and in a low-scoring contest were more than 200 runs behind. The test matches during the present Australian season have been favoured with singularly poor weather for Australia; and the amount of wet wickets chronicled reminds one of English cricket. To-day the Englishmen commence their last game, playing the return with South Australia, whom they failed to defeat last November through lack of time. Up to date they have only lost two matches on the tour, and they should pull through at Adelaide, in spite of Hayward's illness. On the 17th inst. the team leaves Adelaide, and on the 4th April from thence homeward bound.

A new cricket record was made in Ceylon last month, when Mr. W. S. Kunderley, of the Ceylon Civil Service, put together 231, not out, in the second innings of Kalutara v. Kalani Valley. This is an island record, the previous best being Mr. A. L. Gibson's 218 in 1902. Mr. Kunderley also made 67 in the first innings, but he appears to have been rather lucky in getting his 200.

OMPAK.

WAR NOTES.

THE "MANDJOUR" CASE.

The Shanghai Tootai received on Thursday, the 3rd inst., a dispatch from M. Kleimenow, Russian Consul-General, notifying the former that he had received telegraphic instructions from M. Lessar, Russian Minister at Peking, consenting to the disarming of the *Mandjour*, and that the breach-blocks of the big guns, and ammunition of the cruiser shall be handed over to the Imperial Maritime Customs, to be taken care of during the continuance of the present war. Next day the Russian Consul-General sent another dispatch to Yuen Tootai asking him to see Mr. Hobson, the Shanghai Commissioner of Customs, about naming a day when the latter shall call at the Russian Consulate to settle about the handing over of the breach-blocks, etc., of the *Mandjour*. As for the crew of the cruiser, it is believed that only a few men will be left on board as caretakers, the rest to be paroled that they will not fight in the present war and then probably be sent back to Russia.

NORTH-CHINA NEWS.

The following items are from Shanghai and Japanese papers:—
The Waiwupa and the Russian Minister at Peking are reported to have decided upon the following as contraband goods during the Russo-Japanese war:—Hand and artillery weapons, iron tools, combustible substances, explosive matters and apparatus, all supplies necessary for the artillery, military engineering, and infantry, cutting iron wires, building pontoons, and pontoon bridges, army provisions, uniforms, material for navigating vessels, all kinds of engines used on board vessels, all kinds of boilers, coal, *Shih Non* oil, spirits of wine, all telegram codes, railway materials, provisions, rice and stores, horses and live stock, all kinds of necessities for land and naval engagements.

The *China Times* correspondent at Yinkou denies the truth of the report of the frustrated attempt to blow up the Sanghai railway bridge, and the hanging of three Japanese officers. The statement was circulated by the Russians to impress the Chinese.

It seems now that the Japanese who landed at Tengechow, Shantung, and were reported to have come from a sunken Japanese cruiser, were really from the steamer *Jinsen* which went down near the entrance to Port Arthur. They subsequently went on to Chefoo, and a Japanese cruiser and torpedo-boat entered Chefoo harbour without lights at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 25th ult. and took on board all the survivors, leaving before daylight.

A reliable correspondent sends to the *N. C. Daily News* the interesting news that the whole of the rolling stock from the Shan-hai-kwan-Yinkou line has been brought within the Wall, so that the Russians will find a bare line only when they come that way. From this the correspondent infers that the Chinese, in connection with their northern railway system, are going to profit by their last experience with the Russians.

THE TSAR'S MANIFESTO.

The *Official Messenger*, St. Petersburg, of the 10th ult. publishes the following manifesto by the Tsar:—

"We proclaim to all our faithful subjects:—
"In our solicitude for the preservation of that peace so dear to our heart, we have put forth every effort to assure tranquillity in the Far East. To these pacific ends we declared our assent to the revision, proposed by the Japanese Government, of the agreements existing between the two Empires concerning Korean affairs. The negotiations initiated on this subject were, however, not brought to a conclusion, and Japan not even awaiting the arrival of our last reply and the proposals of our Government, informed us of the rupture of the negotiations and of diplomatic relations with Russia. Without previously notifying that the rupture of such relations implied the beginning of warlike action, the Japanese ordered its torpedo-boats to make a sudden attack on our squadron in the outer roadstead of the fortress of Port Arthur. After receiving the report of our victory on the subject, we at once commanded Japan's challenge to be replied to by arms. While proclaiming this, our resolve, we, in unshakable confidence in the help of the Almighty, and firmly trusting in the unanimous readiness of all our faithful subjects to defend the Fatherland together with Ourselves. We invoke God's blessing on Our glorious forces of the Army and Navy."

A Berlin telegram says that M. Etienne, Vice-President of the French Chamber of Deputies, expressed, in the budget committee, the hope that the war in the Far East will be localised, but also the apprehension that the Japanese plans were directed against Indo-China. He said, the French naval basis in Indo-China was not sufficient; it was necessary to build at once fortifications and more men-of-war.

THE CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

On the 10th ult. Mr. Weir, M.P., asked in the House the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, seeing that the British and Chinese Corporation were granted a preliminary agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon Railway on March 23, 1898, if he would state when the final agreement was expected to be concluded and the construction of the line proceeded with.

Earl Percy replied: The preliminary agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon line was signed on March 23, 1898. We are informed by the British and Chinese Corporation that as soon as arrangements have been made for financing the Shanghai-Nanking Railway negotiations for the conclusion of the final agreement for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon line will be proceeded with. The matter is receiving very careful attention.

NAVAL NOTES.

ADMIRAL SIR CYPRIAN BRIDGE.

Admiral Sir Cypryan A. G. Bridge, K.O.B., paid his farewell visit to Government House yesterday, being received at Blake Pier by a guard of honour and band from the Sherwood Foresters. In the afternoon he was saluted with 17 guns (15 for Admiral; two for Commander-in-Chief) by the new admiral, answering with 13 guns (13 for Vice Admiral; when Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, the new Commander-in-Chief, officially assumes his position he will be entitled to two more guns). Admiral Sir Cypryan Bridge has shifted his flag to the *Leviathan*, the *Alacrity* being now temporarily occupied by Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, who may remain on her till the *Glory* is ready for sea-service. Admiral Sir Cypryan Bridge will be busy receiving calls, and inspecting the various British warships at Hongkong between this and Monday, when he leaves in the *Alacrity* for passage to Japan. He proceeds home from Japan via Canada. It is very probable that as soon as the *Alacrity* gets to sea he will strike his flag.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR GERARD NOEL.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Noel, K.C.M.G., yesterday arrived by the P. & O. s.s. *Sinla* and hoisted his flag on the *Alacrity*. He has been Rear-Admiral of the Mediterranean Fleet; Lord of the Admiralty, 1893-98, and A.D.C. to Queen Victoria 1894-96. He was born in 1845.

H.M.S. "MOORHEN."

H.M. river-gambol *Moorhen* returned to Hongkong from a cruise yesterday.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR AND THE CHINA SQUADRON.

The following paragraph from a home paper of the 12th ult. is interesting:—Although there is no expectation at the present moment that Great Britain will be drawn into the fight in the Far East, the Admiralty is preparing for any eventualities that may arise. There is no feverish anxiety in the matter, but in every dockyard and on every station preparations are being quietly proceeded with. Nothing has been settled yet as to reinforcements for the China station, but certain ships on the Mediterranean, East India, and Australian stations are being kept ready to sail on the shortest notice. A cruiser squadron will also probably be got together in the Mediterranean which can be at once despatched if the necessity arises. The names of the *Formidable* and the *Russell* are mentioned as two of the three battleships that may be sent to the China station, and it is also stated that the two ex-Chilean battleships, *Triumph* and *Swiftsure*, are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and will be commissioned for China as soon as they are ready. The Admiralty has notified the men in the various divisions of the Naval Reserve the ships and depots they are to join in the event of their being called up for service.

HOCKEY CUP.

H.M.S. "LEVIATHAN" v. H.M.S. "OCEAN".
The above, a Cup match, was played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. It was the *Leviathan's* second appearance in the shield; on the first occasion they beat the *Centurion* by three goals to nil. After some fast, fairly even play England scored a good goal for the *Leviathan* amid great applause. Chichester (*Leviathan*) got a nasty knock, necessitating his lying down for some time. The *Leviathan* shortly afterwards had their revenge on Drake Brockman, who received an injury. Chichester, having a relapse, was obliged to retire. Dowling then scored a goal for the *Ocean*. Morris, the *Ocean's* goal-keeper, limping badly, demonstrated that he was hurt too. Holt scored another for the *Ocean*. At half-time the score was *Ocean*, 2; *Leviathan*, 1. Although the ball was once kicked into the *Ocean's* net nothing further was scored before the whistle finally announced a win for the *Ocean*.
A semi-final Cup match will be re-played on Monday between the 11th Mahratta Light Infantry and the 33rd Burma Infantry (2nd team). They drew a week ago, each side scoring two goals; the game promises to be a good one.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
Centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
March 13th; 4th Sunday in Lent.
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (10 a.m.)
Responses, Psalms, Venite, Psalms, Crotch and Cooke; Benediction, Ward in A; Jubilate, Ayrton in E; Anthem, "Call to remembrance, O Lord"—Farant; Hymn—112; Offertory Hymn, 256.
Evening (8.45 p.m.)
Responses, Psalms, Venite, Psalms, Crotch and Cooke; Benediction, Ward in A; Hallel, Ayrton in E; Anthem, "Call to remembrance, O Lord"—Farant; Hymn—112; Offertory Hymn, 256.
S. PETER'S CHURCH.
Queen's Road West.
Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.
Matins (11 a.m.)
Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Benediction, Troutbeck; Hymns, 4, 46, 113, and 320.
Evening (6.30 p.m.)
Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis, Crotch; Hymns, 11, 52, 91, and 16.
The Church Lancelot Day singing will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Penitent is the call sign. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

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Tuesday—Soldiers and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m.
Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m.
Sunday—Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 11th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

WATKINS LD. v. L. D. HILLS.

This was an action in which Watkins, Ld., chemists, druggists, wine merchants, etc., carrying on business at 31, Queen's Road Central, sought an injunction to restrain Livingston D. Hills, lately employed by them as an assistant, from acting as assistant in the trade or business of a chemist, druggist, acerbated water manufacturer, wine and spirit merchant, or perfumery in Hongkong. Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant was unrepresented.

Mr. Slade read the statement of claim, which was to the effect that defendant was a chemist, and was formerly an assistant in the employ of the plaintiff company and was now an assistant at The Pharmacy, 12, Queen's Road Central. By an agreement dated 20th December, 1901, made between the plaintiff company and the defendant for the consideration therein mentioned the defendant agreed to serve the plaintiff company as a general assistant in Hongkong or at any Treaty port of China or in the Philippine Islands, for a term of five years commencing from the day of his landing in Hongkong. By clause 3 of that agreement defendant bound himself not to, at any time during the continuance of the said term or at any time thereafter, either on his own account or as an assistant to any person or persons or company or companies in the trade or business of a chemist, druggist, dentist, acerbated water manufacturer, wine and spirit merchant, or perfumery in Hongkong or at any Treaty port in China or in the Philippine Islands except for the benefit of or with the written consent of the plaintiff company. Defendant arrived in this Colony in or about February, 1902, and continued to act in the capacity of general assistant to the plaintiff company until 20th October, 1903, when the plaintiff company dismissed him from their service for misconduct and neglect of duty. Since his dismissal defendant in breach of his agreement and with out the consent of the plaintiff company had entered into the service of the firm carrying on business at 12, Queen's Road Central, as druggist and chemist, wine and spirit merchant and perfumery, under the style of "The Pharmacy." Plaintiffs claimed they had been injured in their business by reason of the act of the defendant, and would continue to be injured unless the defendant was restrained from continuing to commit breaches of his agreement; they accordingly sought an injunction as described above.

His Lordship said there were a great many cases of this kind in the *Encyclopaedia of Law*. These restrictions of trade must be reasonable. He supposed defendant's passage had been paid out?

Mr. Slade—Yes.
His Lordship—I think it is a reasonable thing that he should not be employed here; I think it is an unreasonable thing that he should not be employed in any Treaty port.

Mr. Slade—We are not asking for that, my Lord.
Mr. G. A. Watkins, of Watkins, Ld. having given evidence.

His Lordship granted the injunction, restricted to Hongkong, with costs.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 11th March.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

BLUE-JACKETS IN TROUBLE.

Robert Johnston, stoker, H.M.S. *Amphitrite*, and John Hester, able seaman, H.M.S. *Sirius*, were arraigned before His Worship at the Magistrate's yesterday morning on three charges. The first was assaulting the police in the execution of duty; the second, tearing and damaging the clothing of a constable; and the third, being drunk and disorderly in the public street, to wit, Queen's Road Central. The first defendant pleaded not guilty, the second defendant saying that he knew nothing about it, as he did not remember anything. William Sleeman, P.C. 37, sworn, stated that at 11.30 p.m. on the 9th inst. he was off duty and was on his way to his quarters. He was walking along Queen's Road Central in plain clothes when he heard a police-whistle, and going to the place from which the sound proceeded, he saw a blue-jacket assaulting P.C. 9, by hitting him on the neck with his fist. Witness told the man he was a police constable, and he put him under arrest. While doing so he saw the first defendant holding Indian P.C. 507 by the arm. Witness told the man to let the man alone, when first defendant turned and seized witness by the shoulder and front of his jacket. He told the man he was a police constable, but as he still held on, witness had to use force, and gave the man a back-handed blow on the face with his open hand. He then let go, but tore witness's jacket at the edge and down the side. He was then standing with his hand on another man, whom he was arresting, so he was obliged to let the first defendant go. He took the other man to the Central Station, and was about to go back to the scene of the disturbance when P.C. 24 brought in second defendant in a chair, followed by first defendant, and about a dozen more. Witness recognised the first defendant as the man who had assaulted him and torn his jacket, and arrested him and charged him. He saw the

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second defendant on the ground when he was held by first defendant. He did not see second defendant do anything.

P.C. 9, sworn, stated that he was on duty on the 9th at 11.40 p.m. when he saw a blue-jacket taking away a ricksha along Queen's Road Central, and told him to leave it alone and re-join his comrades. He put down the ricksha and turned and struck witness on the chest. He caught hold of him, when several other sailors came up and struck witness, and knocked him down. He had a mark over the left eye. The second defendant again struck him, this time over the ear. Witness then drew his truncheon and tapped him over the head. The man fell down. There were over fifty blue-jackets about at the spot then. He saw the first defendant catch hold of P.C. Sleeman. He heard Sleeman say that he was a constable. He saw several men holding an Indian constable.

George Willis, P.C. 24, corroborated the story of the arrest of the first defendant, and added that he put the second defendant, who was bleeding from a wound in the head, in a chair and took him to the Central Station, afterwards sending him to hospital, where his wounds were dressed. P.C. Sleeman, re-called, said the jacket was damaged to the extent of \$5. First defendant tried to play the "injured innocent," but his own witnesses whom he called could not testify in his favour, when under oath. The second defendant said he could not remember anything about it. It was five months since he had been ashore, and he took a little drink, but knew nothing about all the trouble.

His Worship, in sentencing the men, pointed out that it was a very grave and serious matter to molest the police, who must be protected. He would fine the first defendant \$20 or 21 days, and he must also pay \$5 compensation for the damaged coat or 7 days. Taking into consideration the knock-down blow the second defendant had received, he would fine him \$10 or 14 days. The fines were paid by their officers, who were watching their cases.

THE "BALLARAT"—"CHANG ON" COLLISION.

As our Shanghai telegram announced on Tuesday last, there was a collision on the 6th inst. between a P. & O. mail steamer and the river-boat *Chang On* at Woosung. We take the following account of the affair from the *N. C. Daily News*:—

A serious collision occurred at Woosung between the P. & O. S. mail steamer *Ballaarat*, which was to leave with the mails for Europe to-morrow (the 8th) at daylight, and the river-boat *Chang On*. The *Ballaarat* left her mooring at the P. & O. Buoy on Saturday and proceeded down river, but anchored off Black Point. On the 6th she again weighed anchor and resumed her course down the river, crossing the Inner Bar about 2.30 p.m. There she met the *Chang On*, which was coming in on the flood tide. Just opposite Pleasant Point, for some reason at present unexplained, the two vessels collided, the bows of the *Ballaarat* striking the *Chang On* amidships on the port side, cutting a big hole right down to the water's edge and shoving her right away aft from amidships. No lives were lost, the collision having been foreseen by those on board both ships. The natives in the port galleys rushed out immediately they saw that a collision was inevitable, otherwise there might have been loss of life. The engine-room of the *Chang On* must have been cut into, as in less than a minute the water was up to the platform. At the time of the collision several of the *Chang On's* Chinese passengers jumped overboard, but were all picked up by saunpans and boats sent out from the Japanese cruiser *Aikatsushima* and the Chinese cruisers in the vicinity. Although her engines had been slowed down opposite Woosung Creek, when the collision was foreseen, the strong wind and tide were sufficient to help the *Chang On* to get to the river bank, on the north side, close to the Customs Station, where she now lies beached. Too much praise cannot be given to those on board the Japanese cruiser *Aikatsushima*. They sent boats as soon as the collision occurred, picked up drowning natives, carried the *Chang On's* passengers ashore, and also carried a wire cable from the *Chang On* to the shore, to prevent her slipping off. The *Chang On* is badly damaged about the fore-foot, and cannot round and came back to Shanghai. The *Chang On* is cut into as stated above, but it is expected that the cargo can be got out of her and she can then be towed up river. There are only 3 inches of water in her main hold.

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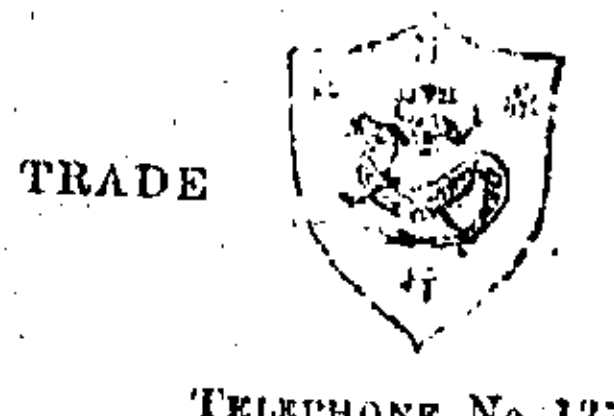
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Apply by letter to—
"BICYCLE."
Care of Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [587]

FOR SALE.
OWNERS leaving the Colony, the Cruiser
Yacht "Plover," 58 feet over all,
cabin with accommodation for four Europeans,
pantry, &c., with all fittings complete. Suitable
for picnics or shooting parties.
May be inspected on application to
THE ITALIAN FAR-EST
TRADING CO.,
10, Des Vaux Road,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1904. [674]

AT THE PEAK.
FOR SALE, A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE,
with or without Furniture, together
with Large Croquet Ground.
For Terms and Particulars, apply to—
TURNER & CO.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1904. [613]

NOTICE.
THE following Articles FOUND at Gov-
ernment House after the Balis on 3rd
and 25th February, are still unclaimed—
1 SMALL FEATHER FAN.
1 PR. LADY'S WHITE KID GLOVES.
2 BLACK VELS.
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1 SMALL JAPANESE FAN.
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1 SMALL GOLD BROOCH.
1 SMALL GOLD STUP.
M. R. HURLEY, Capt., A.D.C.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [695]

NOTICE.
THE FIFTH HALF-YEARLY DRAW-
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of the Hongkong Club, payable on THURSDAY,
the 31st MARCH, 1904, will be held at
the Hongkong Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m.,
on SATURDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1904.
Bearing of Debentures are invited to attend
the Drawing.
By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [714]

NOTICE.
IT has been decided to invite subscriptions
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objects in connection with the Russo-Japanese
War.
1. Providing additional comforts in hospital
treating all sick and wounded from the
war.
2. Subscriptions in aid of the families of
Japanese killed in the war.
It is proposed to communicate with His
Britannic Majesty's Minister at Tokyo as to the
distribution of the fund to the best advantage.
The respective funds will be administered at
the discretion of the Committee for the above
mentioned objects.
The following have agreed to serve on the
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Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.
Hon. Wei Yuk.
Hon. Gershom Stewart.
Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.
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D. R. Law.
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H. N. Moly.
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J. L. M. Smith.
Sir Paul Chater has agreed to act as Chair-
man, while Mr. Smith and Mr. Hewett will act
as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respec-
tively.
Subscriptions lists will be circulated in due
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EDBERT A. HEWETT,
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WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,
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